



# Anchorage School District

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Dear Anchorage Community,

The Anchorage School Board would like to extend many thanks in the wake of today's earthquake.

The staff at each school did a tremendous job taking care of every student in the face of yesterday's terrifying earthquake and damage to structures. It is clear that the emergency training conducted frequently throughout the District is effective. Our staff and students followed protocol and direction extremely well, and we are proud of them.

The response teams from the District, the Municipality, and the State did commendable work in assessing and assisting orderly evacuation of students from buildings deemed unsafe. The District did a great job with communications and dismissal of students to their families. Given the many needs of our students, that was no small feat. In some cases, it even involved staff driving students home.

The architects, engineers, construction workers and community who built these strong facilities that often double as community emergency shelters mitigated severe damage that could have occurred during today's event. We appreciate their sustained help in the coming months as we assess, clean up, and work to make schools safe again.

Thank you all – our public schools are community assets that support our most important resource - our children, and it takes all of us to keep them the safe and vibrant places they are.

With Gratitude,

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